by the evidence on record. In view of the above finding, the Commission has observed that the second point as regards the persons, if any, responsible for the ill-treatment of Raja does not arise for consideration. As regards the third point, the Commission has stated that the officers who have handled this matter are Police Sub-Inspector S. Raju, Dr. Range gowda, Dr. H. D. Indra Kumar and Shri K. G. Rajanna, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Hassan. According to the Commission, Dr. N. S. Range Gowda had only examined the deceased when he was taken to the hospital and pronounced him dead, and that nothing could be imputed to his conduct. As regards Dr. H D. Indra Kumar, the Commission has observed that his relationship with Shri Adirajiah had nothing to do with his official duties. In the case of Shri K. G. Rajanna, Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Hassan, who conducted the inquest proceedings over the dead body of Shri Raja, the Commission has noticed nothing improper in his conduct in handling this matter. Even as regards P.S.I. Shri S. Raju, the Commission has not found any serious misconduct except some procedural irregularities. Thus, the Commission has not found anything unusual either in the death of Shri Raja in police custody or in the conduct of officers who dealt with the matter.

4. The Government have carefully considered the report of the Commission of Inquiry and accepted its findings. As regards the procedural irregularities attributed to Sub-Inspector Shri Raju, the Inspector General of Police is requested to take suitable action against him after holding a departmental enquiry according to the rules.

By Order and in the name of the Governor of Karnataka,

B. S. HANUMAN,

Commissioner for Home Affairs and
Secretary to Government, Home Department.

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DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING, PANCHAYAT RAJ AND CO-OPERATION SECRETARIAT

Application of Provisions of K.C.S.Rs. to the Employees of Taluk Development Boards and Panchayats.

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During the Meeting held in the Chambers of the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare on 8th October 1973, the matter relating to the following Probloms, posed in the Memorandum given by the Members of the Legislature were examined.

1. The Taluka Development Board Employees are not paid pension on retirement and Provident fund also does not exist.

2. Though there is provision for payment of gratuity at low rates, it is left to the discretion of Taluk Development Boards.

3. Leave and Travelling allowance Rules and less beneficial than those applicable to Government Servants;

4. Taluka Development Board Employees are not entitled to subsistance allowance during suspension period.

The benefit of gratuity is already in existence. For extending benefits like Pension, leave rules, payment of subsistance allowance, fixation of pay, grant of increments etc., the financial stability of the Taluka Development Boards has to be taken into consideration. Many of the Taluka Development Boards have indiscriminately recruited candidates to work in their offices beyond their financial capacity, sacrificing developmental activities. Basic amenities like the maintenance of water supply schemes, school buildings, Primary Health Centres etc., have been neglected for want of funds with the result that the huge amounts invested on the creation of assets in Rural Parts have gone waste.

In order to improve the service conditions of Taluka Development Board employees, it has however been decided that all benefits of service under K.C.S.Rs., excepting pension be extended to the existing staff of the Taluk Development Boards subject to their financial condition being sound and with prior approval of the competent authority.

Under Section 119 (2) of the Karnataka Village Panahayats and Local Boards Act, 1959, every Taluk Development Board shall be entitled to employ such officers and servants as may be necessary for the discharge of its duties. Under this provision, the Taluka Development Boards, have recruited certain staff. On the Community Development Side, every Block office has been manned with the staff employed by Government according to the staffing pattern. It should be possible to manage the Administration with the staff sanctioned to every Block treating both the Taluk Development Board and Community Development as a single unit for purposes of administration.

With a view to strengthening the financial position of the Taluka Development Boards, so that they can implement the Developmental schemes successfully it has been decided that the Taluka Development Boards should stop recruiting further staff to their offices. Existing staff employed by the Taluka Development Boards will continue till their retirement and there will be no further recruitment and the Administration will have to be run by the staff attached to the Block office.

The Divisional Commissioners are requested to impress on the Taluka Development Boards the need to adhere to the above instructions with immediate effect in their own interest.

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